Performance Measures

for

Fiscal Year 2013

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The performance measures that were developed are designed to provide data that can be evaluated in a logical manner. It allows the District to identify areas in which its performance may need to be improved and to understand the characteristics and factors that impact that performance. In addition, to the extent feasible a peer comparison or a benchmark has been included as available or appropriate. This performance data is important since many times the District's costs, efficiencies and productivity is not measured against any benchmark or standard or attempts are made to compare it against systems that bear no similarities in mission, complexity or service area. Therefore, the data presented should provide some context in which to assess the District and its efforts to deliver services based upon its mission, goals and objectives."
The report data collected is grouped into 3 areas: Administrative, Fleet and Customer Related:

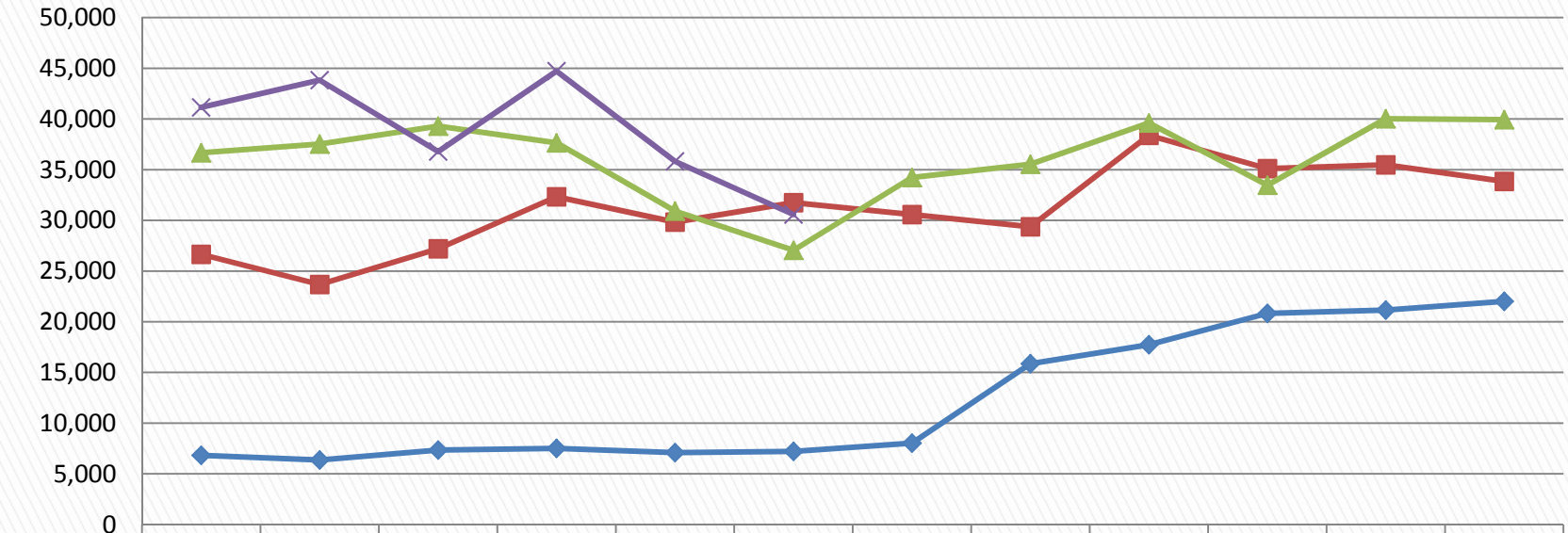
1. **Administrative:**
   - **A. Ridership, All Funded Routes**
   - **B. Ridership, NCRTD Operated Routes**
   - **C. Monthly Expenditures**
   - **D. Cost Per Mile**
   - **E. Cost Per Trip**
2. **Fleet:**
   - **A. Vehicle Back Up Ratio**
   - **B. Average Vehicle Age**
   - **C. Percentage of "On-Time" PM / Inspections**
   - **C. Accidents, Major/Minor Tracking**
3. **Customer Relations:**
   - **A. Complaints**
   - **B. Incidents**

The In-state/local comparable is Sandoval/Valencia Counties which are operated by the Rio Metro Regional Transit District. This benchmark/peer entity was chosen since they are within New Mexico and somewhat similar to rural transit service. The FTA benchmarking data used originates from the Rural Transit Fact Book 2012. The data is for 2010 in FTA Region 6, rural providers which includes New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Performance Measure - Administrative:

Ridership Tracking of All NCRTD Funded Routes

Tracking ridership is the #1 way a public transportation agency can gauge its effectiveness of the service it provides. Ridership data for all routes funded by the NCRTD are collected by City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County. This data is forwarded and combined with the data from the District's operated routes. These numbers are then compiled into a monthly ridership report. This measurement tracks the number of one way trips taken on all the routes within the district. This graph shows the NCRTD combined total ridership numbers, and compares them each month, identifying any increases or decreases in the number of monthly trips. This also indicates how well the regional district is continuing to address the issue of accessible mobility by routes that are in areas where there is public demand. Sandoval/Valencia counties are used local/in-state comparison benchmark, as they are similar in service but smaller in size: a two county service of the Rio Metro Transit District.

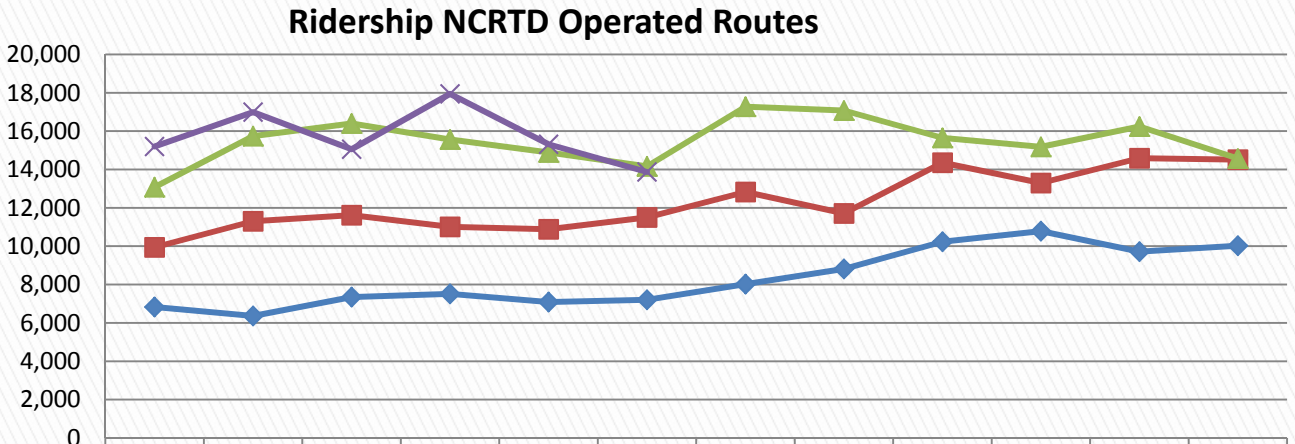


	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
FY 09-10	6,830	6,359	7,342	7,514	7,091	7,208	8,026	15,858	17,731	20,820	21,152	22,011
FY 10-11	26,655	23,679	27,202	32,325	29,835	31,743	30,570	29,368	38,395	35,114	35,480	33,845
FY 11-12	36,666	37,522	39,298	37,650	30,923	27,051	34,236	35,541	39,611	33,474	40,027	39,942
FY 12-13	41,135	43,836	36,784	44,720	35,825	30576						

Performance Measure - Administrative:

Ridership Tracking of NCRTD Operated Routes

This ridership data is collected by the NCRTD drivers for all routes operated by the District. This includes 20 fixed and commuter routes as well as the demand response routes. Totaling the number of one way trips on NCRTD routes, allows staff to evaluate effectiveness and to ensure that the service is reaching areas in the district that have high demand for accessible mobility. Sandoval/Valencia counties were selected as a local/in-state comparison benchmark.



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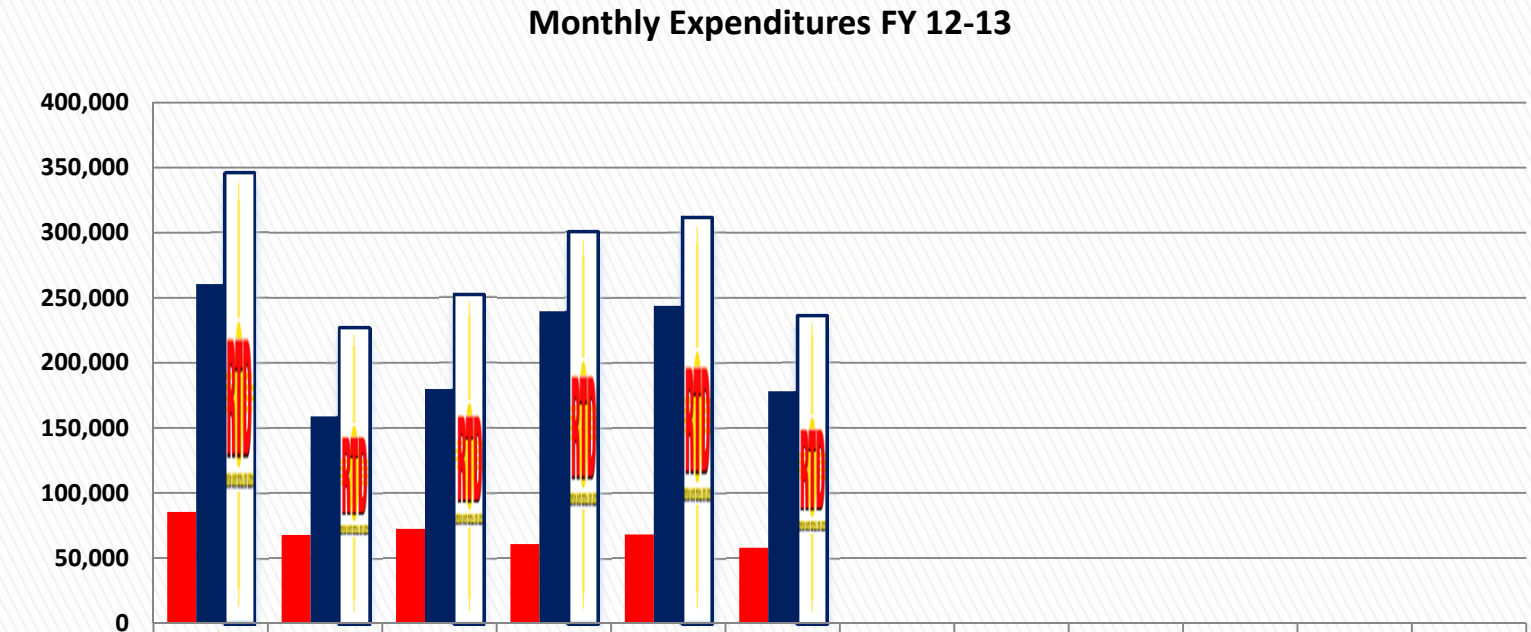
FY 09-10	6,830	6,359	7,342	7,514	7,091	7,208	8,026	8,817	10,230	10,782	9,712	10,022
FY 10-11	9,942	11,300	11,614	11,011	10,885	11,504	12,824	11,709	14,356	13,299	14,586	14,516
FY 11-12	13,081	15,739	16,397	15,567	14,886	14,167	17,274	17,071	15,650	15,178	16,244	14,573
FY 12-13	15,200	16,995	15,052	17,943	15,317	13872						

Performance Measure - Administrative:

Monthly Expenditures for Administrative and Operating

The NCRTD's Finance Department provides the administrative and operating expenses in a monthly budget status report. It is important to measure the expenditures to maintain a balanced budget, as well as tracking the administrative and operating margins. This data is used in determining the cost per trip and the cost per mile. Tracking the budget and monitoring operational costs allows management to target specific dollar amounts when creating future budgets and requesting federal funding from the NM Department of Transportation.

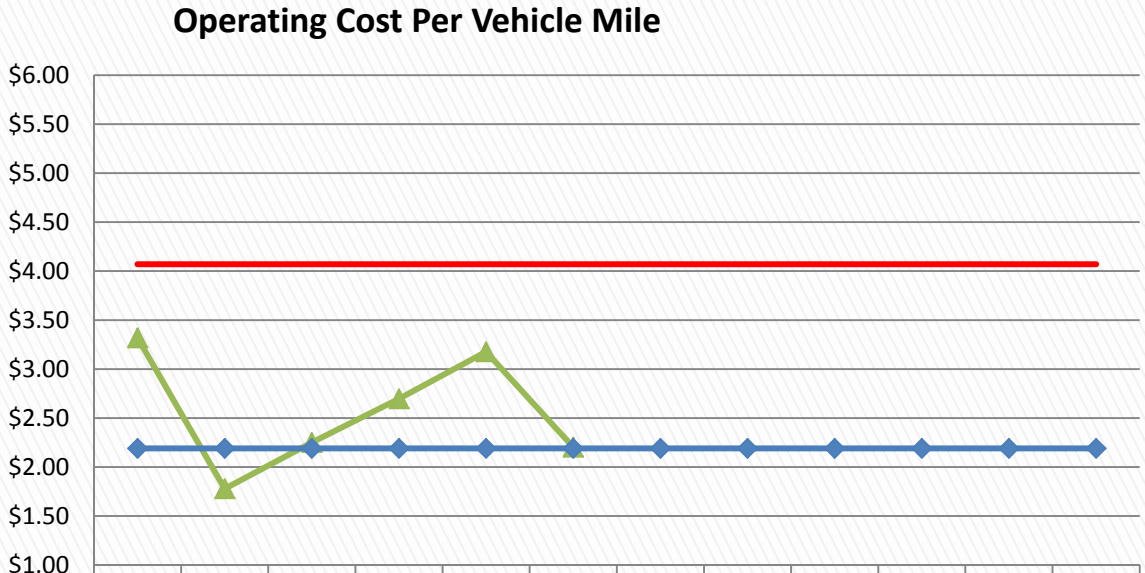


	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Admin	$85,431	$67,751	$72,414	$60,747	$68,142	$57,883						
Operating	$260,498	$158,801	$179,834	$239,655	$243,827	$178,098						
Total	$345,929	$226,552	$252,248	$300,402	$311,969	$235,981						

Performance Measure - Administrative:

Operational Cost per Vehicle Mile

Cost per vehicle mile is the total operating costs per month in relation to the total vehicle miles per month traveled on NCRTD routes. The mileage data is logged daily for each route and compiled into a monthly report. Monthly operating costs are obtained from the Monthly Expenditures (chart above) and the number of miles travelled for NCRTD operated routes. As a cost efficiency measure, operating costs per vehicle mile assesses the financial resources needed for the District's route operations. This measurement is a beneficial tool for the planning and operation's departments. The NM Department of Transportation uses this as one of their performance measures in the state-wide transit guide published annually. Additionally this is used when NMDOT evaluates a transit system for the state-wide awards of 5311 funding. This is a management tool to track our cost per mile vs. the amount of budget being spent to operate a particular route as well as collectively for all routes. Sandoval and Valencia counties' annual average are used as a local/in state comparable benchmark, even though their system is smaller than NCRTD. Data from the 2012 Rural Transit Data Fact Book, specifically FTA's District 6 (our district) annual cost per mile is included as a benchmark.

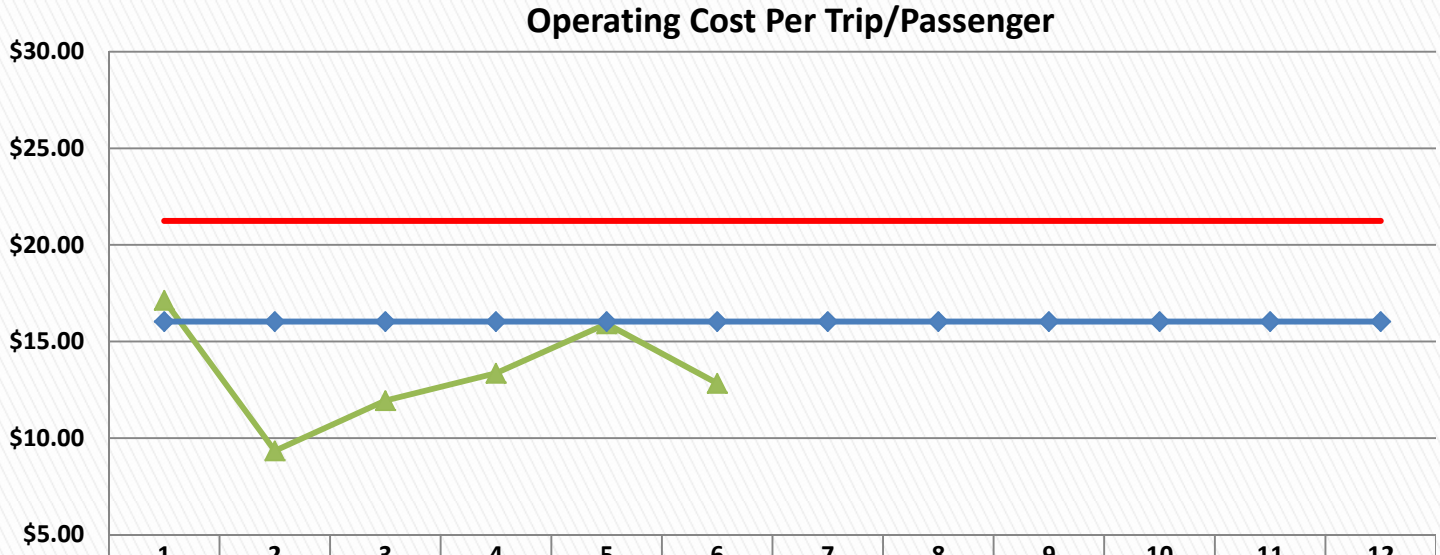


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Monthly Cost per Mile	$3.32	$1.78	$2.25	$2.70	$3.18	$2.20						
Sandoval/Valencia	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07	$4.07
Region 6 Total Cost Per Mile	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19	$2.19

Performance Measure - Administrative:

Operating Cost per Trip

When transit data is collected, passengers, riders and rides are counted and referred to as “trips.” One passenger can generate several trips in a day, and these are counted individually. Example, a particular rider may board in Questa (1 trip) and transfer to the Taos to Espanola bus (1 trip) and again transfer to the Santa Fe bus in Espanola (1 trip) for a total of three trips. The cost per trip is computed on a monthly basis by dividing the monthly operating costs from the Monthly Expenditures (chart above), by the total monthly number of trips (ridership). NM Department of Transportation uses this as one of their performance measures to the state-wide transit guide published annually. Additionally this is used when NMDOT evaluates a transit system for the state-wide awards of 5311 funding. This is a management tool to track our cost per trip vs. the amount of budget being spent to operate a particular route as well as collectively for all routes. Sandoval and Valencia counties’ annual average are used as a local/in state comparable benchmark, even though their system is smaller than the NCRTD. Data from the 2012 Rural Transit Data Fact Book, specifically FTA’s District 6 (our district) annual cost per trip is included as a benchmark.

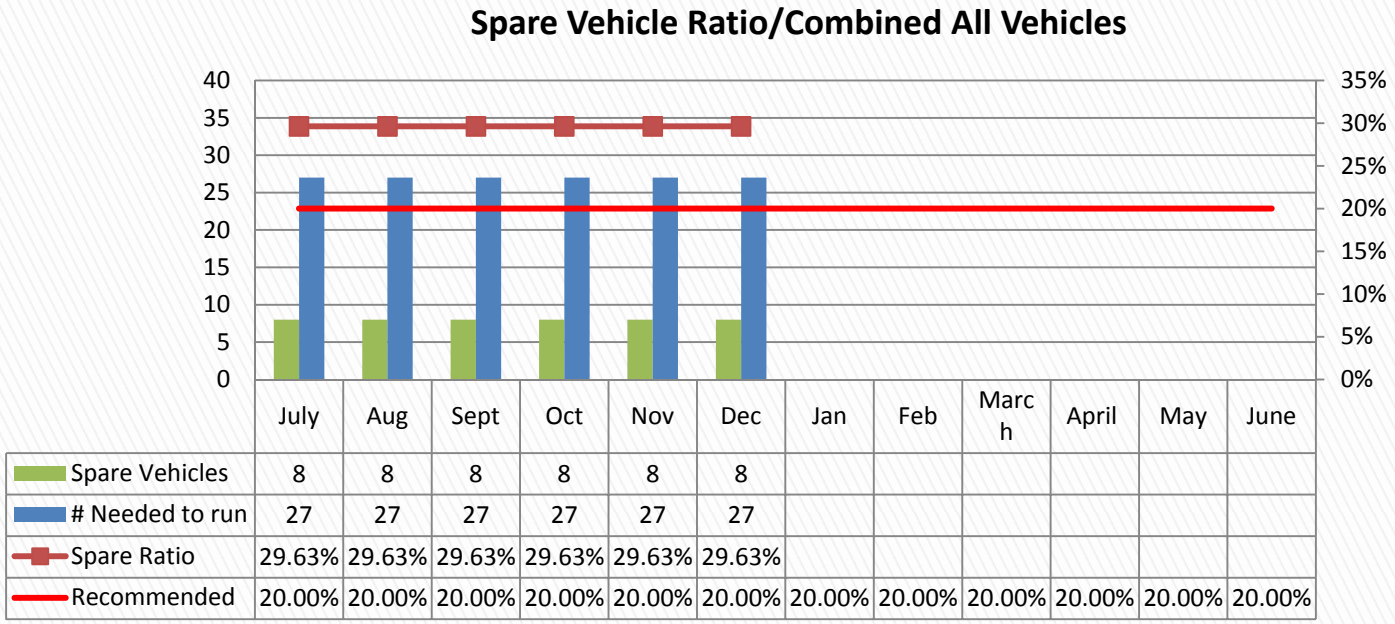


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Monthly Cost per Trip	$17.14	$9.34	$11.95	$13.36	$15.92	$12.84						
Sandoval/Valencia	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24	$21.24
Region 6 Total Cost Per Trip	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03	$16.03

Performance Measure - Fleet:

Spare Vehicle Ratio/Combined all Vehicles

FTA defines the spare ratio as the percentage of spare vehicles in comparison to the number of vehicles required for annual maximum service. Recommended FTA spare vehicle ratio is 20% for fleets over 50 vehicles. NCRTD's fleet totals 35 and is exempt from this guideline but it is a good benchmark to keep in place. With an annual maximum service of 27 and a backup fleet of 8, the backup ratio is 30%. This higher number is needed and reasonable due to the variety of passenger seating requirements for specific routes throughout the District. These backup vehicles ensure consistent coverage of all routes when vehicles are off line due to routine maintenance or unexpected breakdowns.

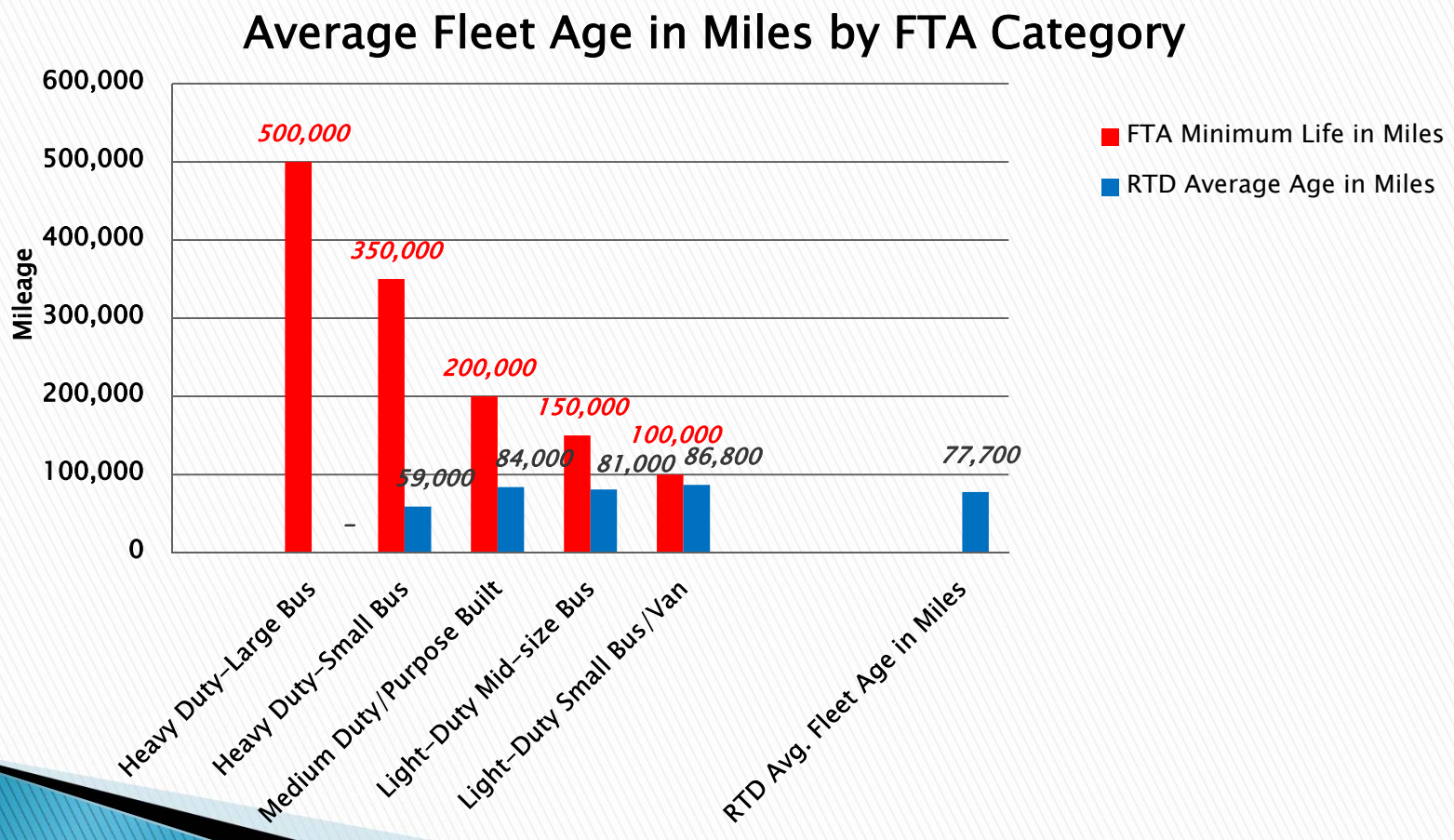


	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Spare Vehicles	8	8	8	8	8	8						
# Needed to run	27	27	27	27	27	27						
Spare Ratio	29.63%	29.63%	29.63%	29.63%	29.63%	29.63%						
Recommended	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%

Performance Measure - Fleet:

Average Fleet Age

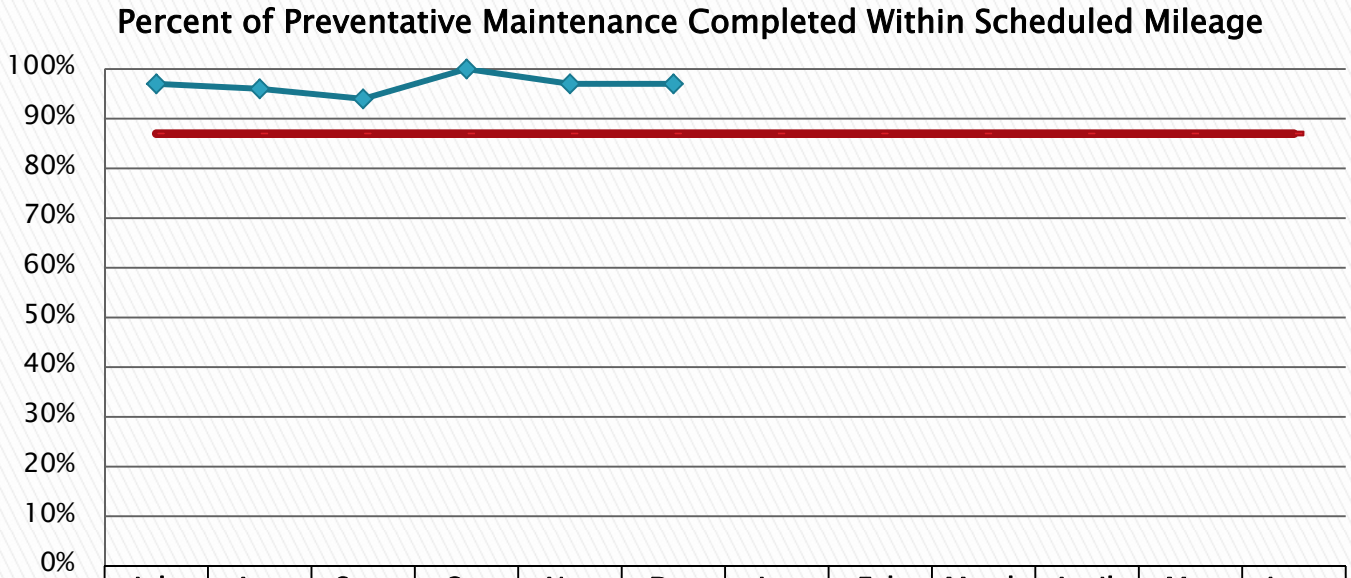
The FTA allows the use of years or mileage to attain usable life. The District uses mileage rather than the year of manufacture because of the large area of the district and the high number of miles traveled on an annual basis. This compares the age of specific kind of vehicles by mileage in accordance to the FTA guidelines. This is useful in fleet replacement planning. The numbers will vary month to month as mileages increase and old vehicles are replaced by new.



Performance Measure - Fleet:

Percentage of "On-Time" PM / Inspections

The federal benchmark for the percentage of "on-time" preventative maintenance (PMs) and inspections for the fleet is 87%. Inspections are required to be conducted within certain mileage timeframe by vehicle manufacturers for the various sizes of vehicles. Manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedules may range in mileage due to the component makeup of a particular vehicle. The FTA recommends they be conducted within the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule. However, as a sub recipient of NMDOT we are allowed varied standards as approved by NMDOT. With the variety of sizes and component makeup of District vehicles, we have determined and hold to a standard of 5000 mile intervals for the entire fleet. This ensures frequent safety inspections and PM services at reasonable intervals that result in a more dependable and safer fleet. This data is collected and tracked by the Fleet Maintenance Manager.



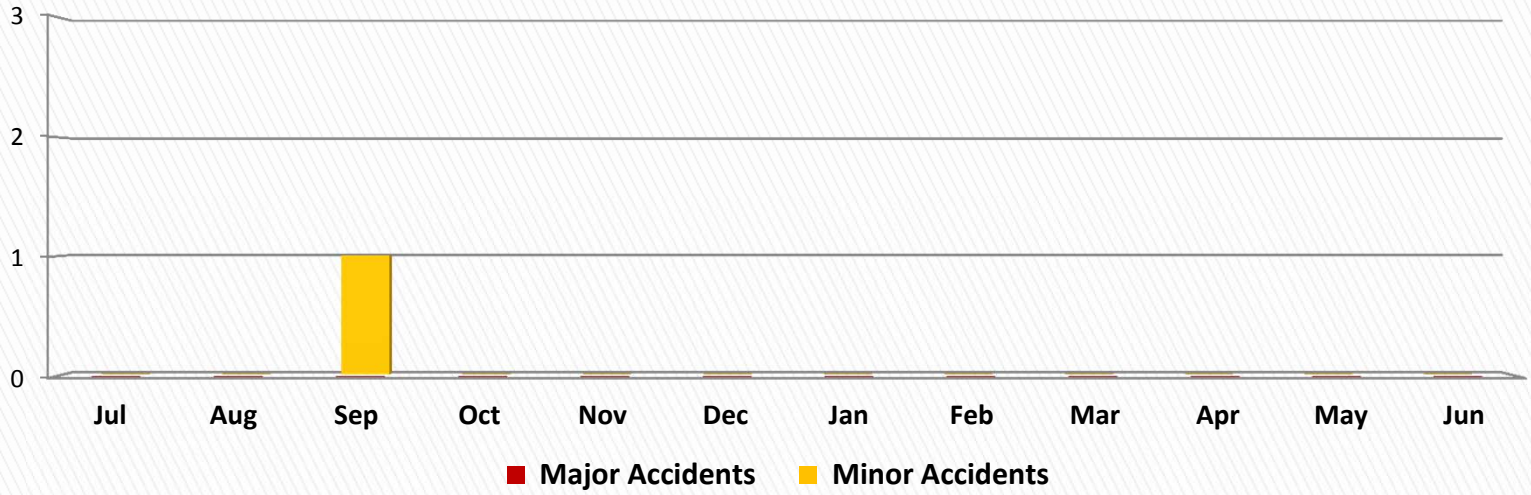
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
FY 12-13 RTD Maintenance	97	96	94	100	97	97						
FTA Recommendation	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87

Performance Measure - Fleet:

Accidents per Month

This measurement shows us how many accidents occur within a month and to what frequency they occur. These are logged as minor or major accidents. A minor accident for example, is one where a driver hits a stationary object while backing but there is minimal damage. A major accident is one where there may be significant damage and/or injury, and a FTA Post accident drug screen is required. All accidents are reported to the Operations and Maintenance Manager to decide on what corrective action needs to be taken. There are established internal reporting and follow up procedures. All accidents, major or minor, are investigated and documented, and dealt with accordingly by the operations management team. As a result, disciplinary measures and/or driver re-training may be required by the outcome of the investigation.

Number of Major/Minor Accidents per 84,840 Miles Avg. Driven Monthly



Last Minor Accident - Sept 25, 2012	**Miles Driven since last Minor Accident - 330,600**
Last Major Accident - Dec 7, 2010	**Miles Driven since last Major Accident - 1,806,097**

Performance Measure – Customer Relations:

Complaints per Month

This performance tracks monthly the number and type of complaints received by the Operations Division of the NCRTD. The complaints are received by the Operations and Maintenance Manager. These are categorize by the type of complaint, and evaluated as to the seriousness of the complaint and whether or not a course of action needs to be taken, i.e. driver reprimand, driver retraining, vehicle maintenance, etc. This measure is intended to measure the percentage of complaints versus the total ridership for the month. Driver performance can be graded and we can see if more drivers training needs to be scheduled for particular drivers. Customers also have complained about routes, stops, dispatch, bus cleanliness and other various categories.

Complaints–

1. Driver needs to lower the wheel chair ramp onto the curb/ addressed issue with driver
2. Driver needs to stop when emergency vehicles are trying to pass/spoke with the driver, she had to keep driving to clear the roadway because the street was too narrow for the vehicles to pass.
3. Passenger complained that the bus driver missed her, she was in her car waiting across the highway. She had to chase bus flashing her car lights/At the next stop driver told her that being across highway in her car is not at the bus stop/ told her she needed to be at the stop.
4. Passenger complained that driver got out of seat and walked back to show him the time schedule. He felt threatened/driver was trying to be clear with passenger on proper time for the stop.
5. Passenger complained to a bus driver that they missed the bus that would take them to the train/new driver was following schedule/missed passengers who were at a modified stop not on schedule.

FY 12-13 Number of complaints

	Total	Scheduling Errors	Driver Performance	Against other Passengers	Miscellaneous*	Percent VS Ridership
July	9	2	4	3	0	0.06%
August	4	1	3	0	0	0.02%
Sept	5	0	5	0	0	0.03%
Oct	6	4	2	0	0	0.03%
Nov	8	5	3			0.05%
Dec	5		5			0.04%
January	0					
Feb	0					
March	0					
April	0					
May	0					
June	0					
	0					
Total	37	12	22	3	0	0.04%

Performance Measure – Customer Relations:

Customer Incidents

This performance measure calculates the number of customer incidents reported to the Operations and Maintenance Manager on a monthly basis. Customer incidents are any serious occurrence that may have an outcome that could be potentially hazardous to the driver or other passengers. These situations could be anything such as two passengers arguing over something, or a rider threatening a driver, or a non rider harassing a driver for not being on time. It could also be a passenger falling down on the bus, or a passenger stepping in front of the bus as it pulls away from the curb to stop it to get on the bus. This data is collected by the driver writing an incident report and turning it in to the Operations and Maintenance Manager. This is intended to measure the types of situations that arise and how frequently they arise on the various routes of service provided by the NCRTD. This measurement tells us the frequency of incidents versus the number of monthly riders. We can then see if additional training needs to be implemented for the driver to avoid or control incidents that may occur on his route.

1. Passenger asked to be dropped off at the light at the Dream Catcher Theatre. Driver responded that was not a stop and took them to the Dream Catcher stop.
2. A lady approached an ON-Demand driver in Espanola and asked her to take her to Cities of Gold. Driver told her that she was on a scheduled route and would have to catch the Santa Fe Bus.
3. Passenger complained he missed the Taos bus and needed a ride to OK Casino.. Driver noticed he had been drinking after he boarded. The person got off the bus before the casino.
4. Driver noticed a car following bus, flashing headlights past El Duende. At next stop the driver of car approached bus driver, complained of not picking her up at stop. She said she was sitting in her car across the highway. Bus driver told her she needed to be at the stop to be picked up.
5. A man boarded bus in Santa Fe. By Cities of Gold he started talking to himself got louder. At the Park & Ride in Espanola he would not get off bus. Other drivers assisted and he would not get off. PD was called and got him off the bus.
6. Passenger complained to driver that he was late. Driver showed him the schedule that he was on time. Passenger was still not satisfied.
7. While waiting for On-Demand passenger CVS Pharmacy, passenger fell inside store. Store manager called 911. The Passenger asked for driver to come into store and help her get up. Driver refused due to Para Medics were on way. Para medics arrived and assisted her. She refused further medical attention. She was ok to ride and complained of her knee hurting on way to he home.

FY 12-13 Number of customer incidents

	Total	Between Driver and Non Rider	Between Riders	Between Driver and Rider	Single Passenger Situation	Percent VS Ridership
July	6	2	4	0	0	0.04%
Aug	9	0	4	5	0	0.05%
Sept	8	0	0	0	8	0.05%
Oct	14	8	3	3	0	0.08%
Nov	8	1	1	5	1	0.05%
Dec	8		1	7		0.06%
Jan						
Feb						
March						
April						
May						
June						
Total	47	11	13	20	9	0.06%